ALL ABOARD

With G. E. Mortimore

NORTH AMERICA likes to portray itself as a continent of social democracy, where a ditch-digger is just as good a man as a merchant prince.

But this regional myth, cherished by both Canada and the United States, is far from reality.

In fact, both countries number in their population a high percentage of snobs and climbers—people who work themselves into ulcers and heart attacks trying to prove that they are better than their neighbors.

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Vance Packard in the current Look magazine tells of the struggle for "symbols of status."

A symbol of status may be anything from the key of the executive washroom to a university degree or a plush mansion with a socially correct address.

"One place where this status seeking is most vividly apparent is in the thousands of new one-layer suburbs where many Americans are establishing homes.

"The home, as shrewdly merchandised today, is much more than a family nest. It is becoming the nation's prime status symbol, the most favored way to stake a status claim."

Unbelievable as it may seem to some people, clever salesmen have learned that American status snobs are suckers for fractured French tags in real estate advertisements: "Une maison ranch tres originale avec eight rooms, 2½ baths . . ."

They are also suckers for "prestige" gadgets like clothes dryers and air conditioners. Some people buy such machines strictly for use. Gadget snobs buy them for show.

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Mr. Packard's depressing chronicle of human vanity raised echoes from my own experience. I remember how, in the house where we once used to live, some neighboring children used to make sneering remarks about our possessions.

In fact the children came from a family that had hocked its income for about 10 years ahead, to buy those prestige gadgets. The parents had a clean, well-furnished house and empty minds.

Although I knew that these neighbors were dull people whose opinion didn't matter, I couldn't help feeling a little hurt by the children's sneers. And I felt sorry for the children, too, born as they were into such a mean-spirited house.

Flanked by pair of 1763 Dresden figures priced at $750 is Marques Alberto deRodil, who says Victoria is recognized by international antique dealers as third most important trading centre in the world. —(Colonist photo)

Only New York, London Bigger

Victoria Third In Antique Line

International Dealers Fly Here for Bargains

Victoria is the third ranking world trading centre for antiques, according to the Marques Alberto deRodil, president of the Victoria Antique Dealers' Association.

The city, unknown to most of its residents, is headed in the antique field only by New York and London.

The city's position as one of the "big three" of the antique business is a matter of common knowledge among international dealers.

It is known as a centre for bargains in objets d'art, and a quick check of published world prices bears this theory out. The Victoria dealer for example, he said, a New York catalogue quoted price of a pair of Chippendale chairs at $900.

"You can buy six of them of comparable quality in Victoria right today for $600."

City antique dealers are quietly smiling at a recent news story saying Vancouver had a $1,000,000 annual gross in the antique business.

TWICE AS MUCH

I can safely say that if Vancouver's is $1,000,000 ours must be at least $2,000,000, the Victoria spokesman said.

Samples of antique action in Victoria: A New Yorker flew to Patricia Bay airport, hailed a taxi, drove into the city, bought a 1750 Chinese cabinet, returned with it in the cab to the airport and flew back to New York.

A Texan flew in to pick up a Cromwellian wine taster of 1760 vintage for about $450. It would have cost $1,000 in New York or approximately $1,260 in London.

BUYERS YOUNGER

Antique buyers are getting younger local antique dealers say.

"More and more young people are buying in the antique field and they are very wise to do so," they claim.

It's an investment, they say. Four good early Victoria chairs, for example purchased now will be worth double in 25 or 50 years.

He Found Steering Bit Hard

CHICAGO (AP) — A motorist who was free-wheeling his 10-year-old car for 6½ miles on three wheels was finally halted by policemen.

They noticed a shower of sparks as they passed a car and turned back to investigate.

The deputies waved down Samuel E. Thatcher, 31, to halt and told him about his missing wheel.

"You say I've only three wheels?" repeated Thatcher incredulously. "I'll have to see this myself."

He did and then said: "It was a little hard to steer, but it was always a hard steerer."

Thatcher, a construction worker, was charged with reckless driving.

Salesman Sought In Knitting Racket

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One Group Takes Festival Awards

By BERT BINNY

The Intimate Stage of Victoria captured all the major awards in the Southern Vancouver Island Drama Festival which closed last night.

Their production of "The Chairs," by Eugene Ionesco, was the best play; Margaret Martin playing the "Old Woman" was best actress.

And Tony Nicholson took the awards for best actor and best director. He was also best actor in 1956.

SUPPORTING AWARDS

The best actress in a supporting role was Shirley Clayton who played "Caroline Kirby" in the Jubilee Hospital Nurses' "The Happy Journey." Her male counterpart was Michael Williams as "Ham" in the Theatre Guild Studio's "Before the Flood." Both these were honor plays last night along with "The Chairs."

Adjudicator, Anthony Holland, made four honorable mentions.

GREAT ASSET

John Martin of the Theatre Guild was described as "a great asset to the drama movement," He played "Noah" in "Before the Flood." Another honorable mention went to this same play when Dorothea House as "Hannah" was recognized "for a really good performance." For all-around effort and good potential acting ability, Gordon Courtenay of the Fireside Theatre was specially applauded as was Pauline Morrish of the Jubilee Hospial Nurses' Club for good direction.

'RATHER DULL'

Mr. Holland observed that he had not found this festival "very exciting." "It was, in fact, rather dull," he said.

He continued: "I have seen in the last four days the best production I have yet encountered on the amateur stage: also the worst."

The adjudicator emphasized very clearly that choice of play is very important. More and more pains should be taken to select the right medium.

MEDIOCRE PLAYS

The non-professional stage has outgrown the vast number of mediocre one-act plays available and, while there are good one-act plays to be had, they are so few that they are repeated "ad nauseum."

The three-act market has the best plays, said the adjudicator, and he recommended as a compromise between indifferent one-act vehicles and the inevitably more massive three-act ones, that the performance of first acts of three-act plays should be definitely encouraged.

TONY NICHOLSON
. . . best actor, best director

MARGARET MARTIN
. . . best actress

$2,000 Scholarship Won by Victorian

Winner of a $2,000 scholarship in entomology from the University of California is Ron Forbes, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Forbes live at 3999 Braefoot. He will use the money to study for his doctorate at the University in Berkeley.

AUSTRALIAN CARS

Australia annually exports about $13,500,000 worth of motor vehicles to Pacific, Asian and African markets.

Sidney Fisherman Choose Ostrom

Axel Ostrom, Patricia Bay Highway, has been elected president of Sidney Local 23, United Fishermen and Allied Workers Union. James Kendrew is the new vice-president, with Gordon Reid continuing as secretary-treasurer, a position he has held for the past 10 years.

Members of the executive committee are Reginald Payne, Philip Turley, Sid Knutsen, Levi Wilson and Marvin Eckert.

The Blue Water

Gas On, Flick Key, Cavalier Was Off

By JOHN FREDERIC GIBSON

With permission of the owner, Walter Blair of Sidney, John Mead and I recently put through its paces beyond Shoal Harbor a new Chris Craft Cavalier, one of the new 23 to 25-foot express cruisers which seem to fill the gap between the larger outboards and the 40-foot boats which might be called motor yachts.

The 23-foot cruiser is about the smallest boat in which you could take your family from the Island to the warm water inlets north of Powell River. Cavalier provides speed and comfort without luxury or excessive fuel consumption, and has all the minimum requirements coupled with maximum economy of space.

We walked down in the sunlight. The wind was light, the sea was calm. It was the sort of day one dreams about when the winter rain lashes the windows.

We put our lifejackets aboard. The deck was so spotless that I made a quick attempt to wipe my shoes on the wharf. The aluminum boathouse cast a pellucid shadow, and the water looked a pale, bottle green.

Preparations were simple. The engine box was right in the centre of the cockpit. We removed the cover, revealing the blue-painted V8. Twin exhausts extended aft and emerged about four inches above the water.

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Deep, Satisfactory Sound

Open the sea cock. Gas on! Half throttle. A flick of the key, the engine coughed once and then settled to a deep rumble. It was a satisfactory sound, but there is room for mufflers if required.

We eased Cavalier astern and then headed out and away. The revs increased to 2,500. At 20 knots the boat moved effortlessly. There was no vibration, and almost no tendency towards a bow-up angle, which must mean that the stern is down when not planing. With the throttle closed and locked Cavalier idled along at about 3½ knots. At ¾ power she made a full turning circle in 40 seconds on an even keel.

In the cabin it was quiet and cool. The boat is equipped with wardrobe, two-burner stove, berths, table and icebox. She is built of marine grade Philippine mahogany plywood on mahogany frames.

The specifications do not indicate any attempt to cut costs. In fact, Cavalier was slightly under-priced when first put on the market. She now costs approximately $7,000, a sum which might appear large to most of us. But Cavalier is functional; she will perform in a slightly less elaborate manner the tasks of a 40-foot cruiser which might cost $20,000.

Across the Sea Daily

It is not my intention to advertise, recommend or criticize any single boat or any particular class. However, these express cruisers may become important. It is possible to visualize a future day when a man might leave his wife and family on one of the Gulf Islands, for a weekend or for the summer holidays, and make his way there each evening across the sea.

We brought Cavalier home, then examined some of the other boats, new and old, berthed in lines. I was promised a trip in one of the latest 19-foot outboard cruisers, but was requested to await a strong breeze and a short sea, "so she can really show what she can do."

At the seaward end, riding gently in her boathouse, was Jack Simpson's twin-engined Looard, immaculate and ready for a summer cruise. Between the boathouses, where the water led to the ramp, outboards buzzed seaward like gaily-coloured flies.

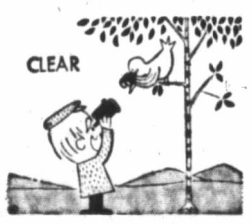
We boarded the ketch Amethyst, cast off and the ketch gathered speed. I flicked the gear lever into neutral. Nothing happened. For a moment I had a vision of a gigantic kebob, two or three white-painted cruisers neatly skewered on the end of the long bowsprit. We stopped Amethyst in time, hauled her back alongside and sat on deck drinking coffee.

In a little while the morning ended, a typical one at a marina. Things go right and things go wrong but everyone is very contented.

Cubans Smash Plot

HAVANA—Police in Cardenas City in neighboring Matanzas Province broke up a counter-revolutionary plot and arrested 146 persons.

The Weather



April 19, 1959

Mostly clear. Little change in temperature. Light winds occasionally southwesterly 15 in the afternoon. Precipitation Saturday nil; sunshine, eight hours and 30 minutes. Monday's outlook cloudy and cooler.

Recorded Temperatures

High 55 Low 44

Forecast Temperatures

High 58 Low 40

Sunrise 5.17 Sunset 7.10

East Coast of Vancouver Island—Mostly clear. Little change in temperature. Light winds, occasionally westerly 15 in the Strait of Georgia in the afternoon. High and low at Nanaimo, 62 and 35. Monday's outlook, cloudy and cooler.

West Coast of Vancouver Island—Mostly clear with some cloudy periods. Little change in temperature. Light winds. High and low at Estevan Point, 55 and 40. Monday's outlook, showers.

TEMPERATURES

	Min.	Max.	Pre.
St. John's	31	43	.05
Halifax	—	52	.07
Montreal	39	56	.02
Ottawa	40	65	--
Toronto	45	71	.01
North Bay	40	55	.52
Port Arthur	28	37	.18
Kenora	24	34	.29
Winnipeg	26	44	--
Brandon	18	45	--
The Pas	28	41	--
Regina	24	51	--
Saskatoon	27	55	--
Prince Albert	25	57	--
North Battleford	30	56	--
Swift Current	20	49	--
Medicine Hat	26	52	--
Lethbridge	24	45	--
Calgary	25	44	--
Edmonton	35	55	--
Kimberley	23	45	.15
Crescent Valley	33	58	.13
Kamloops	39	62	--
Penticton	34	59	--
Vancouver	41	55	--
Prince Rupert	36	49	--
Prince George	26	53	.01
Whitehorse	17	24	.01
Seattle	43	55	.11
Portland	46	58	Trace
San Francisco	44	69	--
Los Angeles	53	70	--
Spokane	37	52	.13
Chicago	47	62	.06
New York	47	61	--

TIDES AT VICTORIA
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. FT.	Time H.M.	Ht. FT.	Time H.M.	Ht. FT.	Time H.M.	Ht. FT.
19	00.12	7.6	06.22	5.6	11.21	6.7	17.56	3.9
20	00.52	7.8	06.58	4.6	12.30	6.8	18.44	4.2
21	01.00	8.1	07.38	3.6	13.33	6.9	19.30	4.6
22	01.31	8.5	08.20	2.6	14.33	7.1	20.13	5.1
23	02.04	8.7	09.03	1.8	15.37	7.2	20.58	5.7
24	02.37	8.9	09.49	1.2	16.48	7.3	21.43	6.4
25	03.12	8.9	10.36	0.9	19.13	7.4	22.32	6.7
26	03.48	8.9	11.26	0.9	20.31	7.7	23.28	7.1
27	04.23	8.4	12.18	1.2	21.31	7.8		
28	00.34	7.2	04.56	7.9	13.14	1.7	22.23	7.9
29	02.02	7.2	05.25	7.4	14.11	2.2	23.05	7.9

TIDES AT FULFORD HARBOUR
(Pacific Standard Time)

	Time H.M.	Ht. FT.	Time H.M.	Ht. FT.	Time H.M.	Ht. FT.	Time H.M.	Ht. FT.
19	02.00	10.7	08.17	6.5	13.39	8.9	19.38	5.1
20	02.32	10.8	08.54	5.5	14.54	9.3	20.32	5.5
21	03.02	10.9	09.31	4.4	16.01	9.9	21.23	6.1
22	03.34	11.0	10.10	3.3	17.03	10.4	22.14	6.7
23	04.05	11.0	10.51	2.5	18.02	10.8	23.06	7.3
24	04.39	11.0	11.33	1.8	19.00	11.2		
25	00.01	7.9	05.14	10.8	12.18	1.5	20.00	11.3
26	00.59	8.4	05.53	10.5	13.05	1.6	20.59	11.4
27	02.09	8.7	06.34	10.1	13.56	1.9	22.00	11.4
28	03.31	8.7	07.23	9.5	14.49	2.5	23.01	11.3
29	05.03	8.4	08.30	8.9	15.48	3.3	23.57	11.2

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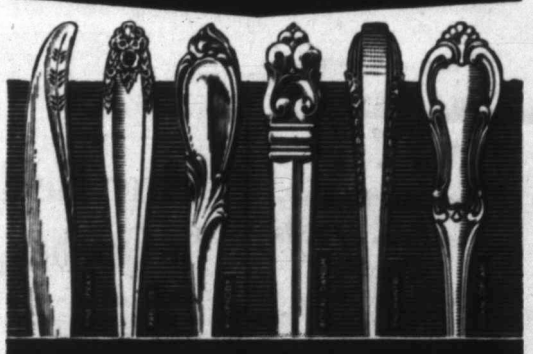

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